

MEAP ELA Writing Comment Codes

Parameters for adding comments to the holistic scores

- No comments for condition codes.
- Limit of two comments per paper.

Holistic scores of 1, 2, and 3 may only receive comments 1 - 4

1. Lacks focus on a central idea.
2. Demonstrates limited control over sentence structure, vocabulary and/or conventions.
3. Needs details and examples to adequately develop the ideas and content.
4. Lacks coherent organization or connections.

Holistic scores of 4 and 5 may only receive comments 5 - 7

5. Needs richer development of the central idea with some additional, relevant details and examples to get a higher score.
6. Needs tighter control of organization and/or the connections among ideas to get a higher score.
7. Needs greater precision and maturity of language use to get a higher score.

Holistic score of 6 may only receive comment 8

8. Earned the highest scorepoint of 6.

Holistic score of 5.5 may only receive comment 0

0. Represents a highly competent response.